CPR and AED Training For Junior High Students

Public Act 97-0714

The School Code currently authorizes districts to provide instruction in “safety education” to students in all grades. The Code defines “safety education” as instruction on safety:

- driving;
- in recreational activities;
- in/about school buildings;
- relative to vocational work and training;
- CPR for high-school students.

Public Act 07-0714 now adds CPR instruction for students in grades 6th through 8th to this list, as well as adding instruction in “how to use an AED by watching a training video on those subjects.” An available Red Cross training video for this purpose (First Aid and AED) can be found at:

Red Cross Course in CPR, how to use an AED

While not mandatory, that is schools may provide such instruction, the Code goes on to read that “safety instruction” is to be for not less than 16 hours during each school year. 105 ILCS 5/27-17.